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County Executive William Steinhaus

Youth and adults attending this fall's Annual Children's Services Council Conference benefited from their participation by demonstrating youth-adult partnerships in action. Youth were able to highlight their contributions through various leadership organizations, to engage in cross-generational conversations on topics identified by youth, and to demonstrate their leadership skills in various workshops. Adults experienced a renewed sense of commitment to their work and enjoyed the opportunity to view young people as competent individuals who contribute in many ways to the quality life in Dutchess County.

Youth-adult partnerships focus on collaboration; the emphasis is on youth and their positive contributions. The County-funded 2004 Youth Asset Mini-grant program targets Social Competency Assets to provide opportunity for your organization's youth to be involved in decision-making and implementation of activities that benefit others. With my support, the County Youth Council is known as a dynamic youth leadership program by providing training, community service opportunities, and a youth voice for local high school and college students. In fact, Emily O'Neill Youth Council Chairperson, recently participated with me in the Holiday Radio Public Service Announcement to send a safe driving message to young people. The PSA was sponsored by the STOP-DWI Program.

The Youth Council will soon conduct their youth survey in local high schools. The information obtained is greatly valued by program planners and grant writers. The Council also will be conducting a teen forum on January 15, 6-7:30 PM, at Cornell Cooperative Extension to discuss how to increase "the volume for youth voices" on the County and State levels. I challenge your organization's leaders to increase local youth-adult partnerships this year by considering at least one new strategy or activity. We look forward to hearing from you on your results!



Director's Report

By Betsy Brockway

Since Thanksgiving, I have spent every free moment including several weekends working on the Youth Bureau components for Child and Family Service (CFS) Plan due February 1 at the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). This represents three years of integrated county planning (ICP) efforts led by the Department of Social Services and the Youth Bureau. The ICP Workgroup was expanded in the spring to include representatives from BOCES, YWCA Battered Women Services, Child Abuse Prevention Center, Astor's High Risk Services, Mental Health Association, alternative educational programs and detention services who joined existing members from DSS, the Health Dept., Mental Hygiene, Probation, Children's Services Council, United Way, River Haven, Family Services and Marist College. We met monthly to discuss the emerging trends, key findings, and identify new strategies for the plan for specific populations.

I personally increased my own understanding of the interrelationships of root causes and needs for families, children and adults at risk. We also identified future need assessment activities to study. We hope that the strategic planning process will improve the collaboration and outcomes across the service delivery system.

During the past year, the Youth Board reviewed their monitoring and evaluation procedures, updated their funding priorities and resources allocation procedures for the CFS plan. This plan and the strategies identified for the Youth Bureau becomes our business plan for the next three years. A Public Hearing was held for comments on January 8; if requested, I would be happy to share the Youth Bureau strategies in electronic form.

Our department's 2004 goals and calendar were developed, based this plan and will be

posted on the County's web-page http://www.dutchessny.gov. We will continue to publish our newsletter three times a year. It will be posted with training and funding opportunities on our web page. If you wish to purchase a 2004 mailed subscription of our newsletter, please send \$6 payable to the Commission of Finance (see enclosed form).

The recent Empowerment Evaluation training by Dr. Pam Imm was well received and we are planning to offer grant-training opportunities in the future. If time is short, we often do an email or fax distribution on upcoming grant or training opportunities. If we don't have your email address, please send it to CLehrer@co.dutchess.ny.us.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events. We would love to have your participation:

- YEA nomination packet will be mailed in February and is due April 13.
- Hands on youth asset activities training will be held at Camp Ramapo, April 30.
- Youth Board Luncheon is Friday, June 4, 12 PM at DCC Dining Hall.
- ANYSYB Conference will be held in White Plains' Crown Point Hotel, October 24-27 (great day trip opportunity).
- CSC Conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 18.

The Youth Board usually meets the third Tuesday of the month at 5 PM in the first floor conference room. In November, Red Hook Recreation Director John Kuhn discussed the planning and organization required in municipal recreation programs to increase Youth Board members' understanding of the challenges. If your agency wants to present a youth program (OCFS funded or not) or bring a youth issue to the Board's attention, please call Carole Lehrer at 486-3646 to be included on the agenda.

Check This Out!

The NYS Council on Children & Families is proud to present the http://www.nywkwic.org. This is the Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse, an interactive web tool that provides the familiar Touchstones/KIDS COUNT "Indicator Profiles" and Region Profiles" and much more. You will be able to easily design graphic charts on Dutchess County's trend data or

compare to other counties/rest of NYS. Good for grants and reports!

Youth Bureau Annual Reports

The NYS OCFS Annual Report will be mailed under separate cover to you in mid-December. *The Annual Report, the Narrative Report and the Outcome Information and Reporting Form are due by 3:00 pm. on Friday, January 16, 2004*. These reports need to reflect activities and number of youth served ALL YEAR, Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2003. The original documents, along with 2 copies must be completed and turned into the Youth Bureau on Jan. 16th. If you have any questions, please call June Ellen Notaro at 486-3662.

Dutchess County Youth Council

The Youth Council again hosted their annual holiday drive for personal hygiene items, *Project Personal Care*. The project benefited River Haven's Shelter and Independent Living programs.

The Youth Council members have been busy this past fall with the following activities: five members were trained as facilitators for the Children's Services Council Conference to lead the community meeting forums; 5 youth were selected to represent the Youth Council on the United Way's Youth Leadership Council to learn about grants and allocate \$10,000 to youth programs; four members participate on the Youth Board; and a new segment has been added to our monthly meetings called "We've Got Issues; Let's Discuss" to highlight and discuss a current news topic.

The recruitment of Youth Council members has yielded a membership of 50 teens representing the following high schools: John Jay, Ketcham, Arlington, Millbrook, Poughkeepsie, Roosevelt, Beacon, Pawling, Dover, Spackenkill, Red Hook, Lourdes, and Stissing Mountain.

If you would like any information about the Youth council, please call June Ellen Notaro at 486-3662.

Web Sites of Interest

OJJDP has launched the Juvenile Justice Practices Series. "Aftercare Services" (31 pp.)

inaugurates OJJDP's online Juvenile Justice Practices Bulletin Series with its description of education, family, health, and vocational services. Aftercare is analyzed in relation to system change, and promising aftercare programs are identified. To access the full text go to:

http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/delinqsum.html#201800

Additionally, the fact sheet titled "Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Courts, 1999" (2 pp.) details increases in drug law violations, public order offenses, and person offense cases during the 1990s. The fact sheet is derived from the forthcoming report

"Juvenile Court Statistics 1999" and can be viewed at:

http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/fact.html#fs200302.

Of interest to you may be the document, "Person Offenses in Juvenile Court, 1990-99", which provides statistics on assault, homicide, rape, and robbery cases handled by juvenile courts. The fact sheet is derived from the report "Juvenile Court Statistics 1999," available on-line at:

http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/fact.html#fs200303.

Teaming Up - Using the IDEA and Medicaid to Secure Comprehensive Mental Health Services for Children and Youth (http://www.bazelon.org/teamingup) is a report, published by the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, informs practitioners, attorneys, and advocates how to obtain services and supports needed by children with emotional and behavioral disorders. Suggestions for the strategic use of the two statutes are included.

The Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice has published a series of information briefs on research-based intervention practices and programs for children with behavioral problems. A variety of topics such as behavioral planning meetings, promoting resilience in children, and alternative schools are discussed. For information go on-line to: http://cecp.air.org/familybriefs/.

Practicing Restraint, is an article from the Child Welfare League of America's "Children's Voice" discussing the use of restraint and seclusion in residential group homes. You can

see the article at:

http://www.cwla.org/articles/cv0309restraint.html.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has released a brand new publication entitled "Parent Power: What Parents Need to Know and Do to Prevent Teen Pregnancy." "Parent Power" is a practical guide designed for Parents and is research-based and offers clear and specific advice. The guide is available in English and Spanish. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has also released new survey data that reveals that parents "continue to underestimate the influence they have over their children's decisions about sex." These resources are available at:

www.teenpregnancy.org/resources/reading/parent power.

In keeping with President Bush's conviction that "One mentor, one person can change a life forever," OJJDP has launched a web page that helps people learn about the benefits and availability of mentoring. The page, which is advertised in the Official Programs of the 2003 Major League Championship and World Series, describes OJJDP's Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP) and provides links to relevant organizations and publications. Mentoring is an effective way to help youth lead healthy. productive lives. Children who meet regularly with a mentor are more likely to stay out of trouble, succeed in school, and achieve their goals. To access OJJDP's mentoring Web page, visit http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ojjdp/mentoring To learn more about JUMP, visit http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jump/index.html.

The Bialkin Family Foundation, a small family foundation based in New York City, seeks applicants for Web site development grants. The grants consist of \$2,000 to \$10,000 in Web site development services. The foundation has affiliated contractors who work with the grantee to create a small to medium-sized Web site, including all needed graphic design, content, and code. The foundation focuses on educational and environment organizations in the New York City area, particularly those who currently have only a minimal Web site, or no Web site at all. For further information, contact Laura S. Quinn, Alder Consulting, (718) 208-8172 http://www.alderconsulting.com.

Coca-Cola Youth Partnership provides access to programs that empower and inspire young people to realize their potential and their dreams. http://www.youthdevelopment.coca-cola.com/home.html.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Population Reference Bureau released an analysis of 2000 census data last month called "The Growing Number of Kids in Severely Distressed Neighborhoods." The report provides information for practitioners and researchers on the 4.4 million children living in distressed neighborhoods across the United States. http://www.prb.org/Content/ContentGroups/Report/032/KidsDistressedNeighboorhood.pdf.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of "OJJDP News @ a Glance," September/October 2003. The bimonthly newsletter provides readers with news about OJJDP activities, publications, funding opportunities, and events. This issue's lead article describes OJJDP's Gang Reduction Program, which supports community anti-gang efforts, using a five-pronged approach to gang reduction: primary prevention, secondary prevention, intervention, suppression, and reentry. The issue also features two summer conferences that focus on crimes against children and describes the Five Promises Checklist, developed by America's Promise. "OJJDP News @ a Glance," September/October 2003 (NCJ 201826) is available online at: http://oiidp.ncirs.org/pubs/general.html#201826.

The Partners for Children (PFC) Youth Development Team in cooperation with the Assets Coming Together (ACT) for Youth Upstate and Downstate Centers of and for Excellence are happy to announce the opening of their Youth Engagement and Voice Web Site at: http://www.youthengagementandvoice.org.

The site currently has a searchable data base of over 150 resources including curricula and other training materials, current research, and web links to relevant sites on the focused topic of youth engagement and youth voice. The site will be managed by Hrönn Brynjars, Information Specialist, ACT Upstate Center of Excellence, with Larry Clarkberg, technology consultant and

Steve Goggin, Department of Human Development/Cornell Cooperative Extension. The main page carries the PFC and ACT Upstate and Downstate logos. There are areas designated for visitors to add comments on site content and reactions to material presented, as well as recommend new materials for screening. For more information, contact Hrönn Brynjars, hb47@cornell.edu or Steve Goggin seq12@cornell.edu.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's recently released 2002 Uniform Crime Reports, when compared to the number of arrests during 2001, arrests of adults increased 1.2 percent, and arrests of juveniles decreased 3 percent. During 2002, 12 percent of all arrests involved only juveniles. Juveniles were involved in 12.3 percent of arrests in suburban counties, 12.1 percent of arrests in cities, and 9.6 percent of arrests in rural counties. Juveniles were most often arrested for larceny-theft and nearly half (49.4 percent) of arrestees for arson in 2002 were under the age of 18. Juvenile offenders accounted for 12 percent of violent crime arrests, while making up 8.2 percent of all male murder victims and 15.3 percent of all female murder victims. To read the complete report, log on to http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/02cius.htm.

Gangs Or Us. This website provides information about gang interventions, gang prevention and strategies for working with youth in gangs or at-risk of gang involvement. Visit http://www.gangsorus.com.

Hardwired to Connect: The New Scientific Case for Authoritative Communities is a report recently issued by The Commission on Children at Risk. Jointly sponsored by the YMCA of the USA, Dartmouth University Medical School and the Institute for American Values, the report asserts that the current high rates of depression, anxiety, suicidal thought and other behavioral disorders among American youth stem primarily from a lack of connectedness, both to other people and to moral and spiritual meaning. The report recommends building "authoritative communities" that include children and youth, are warm and nurturing, establish clear boundaries and limits, are defined and guided partly by nonspecialists and are philosophically oriented to the equal dignity of all persons. For information about the report, the executive summary and how to order the full report, go to: http://www.americanvalues.org/html/hardwired.ht ml

Grant Information

PLEASE NOTE: If you have applied for and/or received a grant based on information from the OCFS grants announcement lists (no matter what year) please email Susan Kemp with the name of the funder, a brief description and, if you received funding, the amount. This information will enable her to get a better sense of what grant announcement resources are more useful than others, as part of her end of the year evaluation. Thank you for your assistance. Susan's information is:

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The Colgate-Palmolive Company
Youth For America program has awarded nearly
\$6 million to local clubs and troops over the
program's 30-year history. The program is only
open to local units of six participating national
youth organizations: Boy Scouts of America; Girl
Scouts of the USA; Girls Incorporated; Camp Fire
USA; Boys & Girls Clubs of America; 4-H. Entry
forms for the 2003-2004 Youth For America
program became available in October 2003.
There is no deadline for entry forms. Contact
http://www.colgate.com/cp/corp.class/colgate_cares/youth.jsp for more information.

Being aware of changes in census data is critically important to potential grant writers. More often than not a grant application will ask for census data relating to the particular group and/or geographical area you seek to serve if you receive a grant. For in-depth census data specific to your area go to: http://www.census.gov.

The Grantionary is a list of grant-related terms and their definitions. http://www.eduplace.com/grants/help/grantionary.html.

GrantsAlert is a website that helps nonprofits, especially those involved in education, secure the funds they need to continue their important work. http://www.grantsalert.com.

SchoolGrants has compiled an excellent set of grant writing tips for those that need help in developing grant proposals. http://www.schoolgrants.org/grant_tips.html.

FastWEB is the largest online scholarship search available, with 600,000 scholarships representing over one billion in scholarship dollars. It provides students with accurate, regularly updated information on scholarships, grants, and fellowships suited to their goals and qualifications, all at no cost to the student. Students should be advised that FastWEB collects and sells student information (such as name, address, e-mail address, date of birth, gender, and country of citizenship) collected through their site. http://www.fastweb.com.

"Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE)," more than 30 federal agencies formed a working group in 1997 to make hundreds of federally supported teaching and learning resources easier to find. The result of that work is the FREE website. http://www.ed.gov/free.

Fundsnet Online Services is a comprehensive website dedicated to providing nonprofit organizations, colleges, and Universities with information on financial resources available on the Internet. http://www.fundsnetservices.com.

Philanthropy News Digest, a weekly news service of the Foundation Center, is a compendium, in digest form, of philanthropy-related articles and features culled from print and electronic media outlets nationwide. http://fdncenter.org/pnd.

The federal government has thousands of grant programs, and navigating the numerous Web sites administered by the various grant-making agencies and departments can be difficult at times. Stepping into that breach is Grants.gov,

which serves as an electronic storefront for federally administered grant programs. From the homepage, visitors may want to begin by browsing through a list of grant topics, which range from housing to the humanities. Clicking on each topic will lead to another list detailing which federal agencies provide (or may provide) grant monies within each area. Visitors looking for greater search capabilities will want to move to the grants synopsis search area, which allows for customizable searches for quick access to the relevant grants and application documents. Equally helpful is the federal grant notification service that allows individuals to be notified when new grant announcements are released by various agencies. Through this notification service visitors may also register to receive all notices from selected agencies, funding categories, eligibility groups, or funding opportunity number. http://www.grants.gov.

PARADE Magazine and the National Football League sponsor the "Community Quarterback Award" honoring outstanding volunteers. Winners will receive a \$10,000 grant to the organization of their choice, with a national winner receiving an additional \$25,000. http://www.jointheteam.com.

Many of the foundations listed on the World Bank's and Foundations Partnership website are American-based and interested in funding children, youth and/or family programs. Each foundation includes a website address where you can find in-depth information as to what they are willing to fund. http://wbln0018.worldbank.org/essd/extfoundations.nsf/Foundations+Links?Open.

Target Stores and the Tiger Woods Foundation have restructured Start Something, a program that helps young people pursue their dreams and goals and encourages youth leadership and community stewardship. The program is designed to help students identify their goals and choose and prepare for an Action Project based on one of those goals. To be eligible the young people need to be between the ages of 8 and 17. Scholarships range from \$100 to \$5,000 and can be used to help the winners continue to pursue their goals, including music lessons, sports camps, special educational programs, art and travel. Scholarships are awarded three times a year, with the next application deadline being

January 1, 2004. For more info, visit the Target Web site.

http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_index.

The McDonald's Corporation Contributions Program has funding priorities including: adult literacy skills; aging programs; arts; business; civil rights; community development; disabilities; economically disadvantaged; education; employment services; engineering; environment; general hospitals; healthcare organizations; historic preservation or societies: human services: mathematics; medical rehabilitation or research; minorities; music; nutrition; programs for women; public affairs; science; substance abuse services; and youth programs. Funding is given nationally, mainly in areas of restaurant operations. Application forms are not required, but you must first contact headquarters with a proposal. There are no set deadlines. The contact person is Jackie Meara, Supervisor of Contributions, (630) 623-7048 or at

Faith in Action programs bring together religious congregations of all faiths, and other community organizations such as hospices, clinics, and hospitals, in a common mission to provide volunteer care to their neighbors in need. Faith in Action offers start-up grants of up to \$35,000 for a 30-month period to help communities organize new coalitions for volunteer care giving. To obtain further assistance with the application process, contact the Faith in Action mentors or the Faith in Action national office. This help is available at no cost, and there is no fee to attend an applicant workshop or to apply for a grant. http://www.fiavolunteers.org.

www.mcdonalds.com/corporate/social/index.html.

The GoGirlGo Project funds girls' sports programs and is administered by the Women's Sports Foundation. The GoGirlGo project is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports programs that combine athletic skill instruction and programming with the delivery of educational information aimed at reducing risk behaviors that threaten the health and social advancement of girls aged 10 to 14 years. A total of \$400,000 in grants will be awarded. To be eligible, an organization must possess a demonstrated ability to deliver sport programming to girls between the ages of 10 and 14; the ability to deliver an eight-week (minimum) sports

program, with preference given to organizations working consistently with girls throughout the year; program leadership from experienced and committed adults: and nonprofit program status. If the sports program does not have nonprofit status, it may be possible to receive a grant under sponsorship of a local community foundation or nonprofit agency. Applicants must commit to participate in the GoGirlGo project educational curriculum, including completion of an attitudinal survey. The GoGirlGo educational curriculum may be implemented prior to, during, or following receipt of a grant. Complete program guidelines and application forms can be downloaded at the Women's Sports Foundation Web site. http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/cgibin/iowa/funding/featured.html?record=30.

The Brookdale Foundation Group is accepting proposals for its Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) Local Seed Grant Initiative. RAPP is designed to encourage and promote the creation or expansion of services for grandparents and other relatives who have taken on the responsibility of surrogate parenting when biological parents are unwilling or unable to do so. The program is intended to award seed grants to local agencies to provide support groups and at least two other supportive services to relative caregivers and their families; encourage cooperation and collaboration among various service systems (such as child welfare, health care, aging, schools, family services, mental health); ensure the development, expansion and future continuity of local services; and create replicable models of service. Up to fifteen local agencies will be chosen from around the United States. Each agency will receive a \$10,000 grant over a two-year period-\$6,000 in the first year and \$4,000 in the second-as well as training and technical assistance. Matching support in cash or in-kind will be required of all selected agencies. Priority will be given to those that have access to relative caregivers, provide supportive services and demonstrate a broad community involvement and support. For proposal guidelines and deadlines, visit

http://www.brookdalefoundation.org/.

The Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World program seeks to recognize, strengthen and support leaders and to highlight the importance of community leadership in improving people's lives. Each year, the program

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D.C. Youth Bureau 27 High Street Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 improving people's lives. Each year, the program recognizes U.S. leaders and leadership groups not broadly known beyond their immediate community or field. Nominated community leaders may work in fields that include economic development: community development: environment and environmental justice: human rights: citizen participation and government accountability; human development; sexual and reproductive health; education reform; youth development; religion and social change; arts and social action; and access to media, including new technologies. Awardees receive \$100,000 over two years to support their programs or new work that is related to the initiatives for which they are being recognized. In addition, awardees receive \$15,000 to explore new learning opportunities that support their work and are asked to participate in shared learning and networking opportunities and contribute to research and public discourse on leadership. Funds will be made available to the awardees' nonprofit charitable organizations or fiscal agents. To be eligible for the program, nominees must be working on social justice issues; working in organizations that are not considered grantmaking foundations; U.S. residents working on domestic issues; leaders who are not widely known outside their immediate community or field; involved in the area for which they are being nominated for at least four years; nominated by someone other than a family member, a board member, a staff member, or a consultant for the nominee's organization; and leaders with clear evidence of ongoing community collaboration. The deadline for submission is January 6, 2004. For complete program information and nomination guidelines, visit http://www.fordfound.org.

The National Gardening Association provides various grants to support gardening projects for kids. Nonprofit organizations and schools across the nation with gardening programs for youth between the ages of 3 and 18 are eligible to apply. Support is provided for child-centered outdoor gardens, programs that use the garden to teach about nutrition and hunger, and programs that emphasize youth learning and working in a greenhouse environment. Application deadlines vary by program. Visit the website for more information.

http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE

Children's Services Council Sixth Annual Conference held at Villa Borghese on November 20, 2003. Youth (106) and adults (105) came to attend workshops on youth empowerment and hear keynote speaker Josh Shipp.

